

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Question No: 90

Topic: Changes to Eligibility for Carers Allowance for Parents of Children with Type 1 Diabetes over the age of 10

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fifield asked:

On what basis was a decision made to effectively discriminate between the care required by children under the age of 10 and the care required by children over the age of 10?

Answer:

In 2004 the Government established a reference group to conduct a review of the List of Recognised Disabilities (LoRD).

The reference group sought advice from medical experts in the fields of paediatric endocrinology, diabetes and child community health.

In October 2006 after considering the opinions of the medical experts and the recommendations of the reference group, the Government added Diabetes Mellitus Type 1 to the LoRD for children under 10 years of age.